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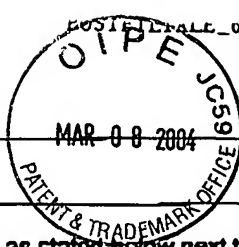
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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**
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I believe the inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **IMPLANTED OUTER EAR CANAL HEARING AID**, in U.S. Patent Application 10/702,565 filed on 11/05/2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/424,912	11/08/2002

U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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